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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S RESPONSE TO BOKASSA'S
SEPTEMBER 26 LETTER

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FRENCH TRANSLATION OF LETTER DATED
NOVEMBER 20 FROM PRESIDENT FORD IN RESPONSE TO BOKASSA'S
SEPTEMBER 26 LETTER:

BEGIN TEXT QUOTE: MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT:

J'AI L'HONNEUR D'ACCUSER RECEPTION DE VOTRE LETTRE DU
26 SEPTEMBRE AINSI QUE DE VOTRE MESSAGE PERSONNEL DE BONS
VOEUX QUI M' A ETE REMIS PAR VOTRE ENVOYE SPECIAL,
MONSIEUR JOSEPH POTOLOT, MINISTRE D'ETAT.

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J'AI ETE HEUREUX D' APPRENDRE COMBIEN VOUS

ESTIMIEZ LA CONTRIBUTION QUE NOTRE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, MONSIEUR WILLIAM L. SWING, A APPORTEE AU RENFORCEMENT DES RELATIONS AMICALES ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS. J'ATTACHE UNE GRANDE IMPORTANCE A CES RELATIONS AINSI QU'A L'ESPRIT DE COOPERATION MUTUELLE QUI REGNE ENTRE NOUS, TEL QU'IL A ETE DEMONTRE RECEMMENT AU SEIN DE L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE DE L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES.

C' EST DANS LE CADRE DE CES LIENS ETROITS QUI UNISSENT

NOS DEUX GOUVERNEMENTS QUE J'AI PRIE MONSIEUR SWING DE RECHERCHER VOTRE CONSENTEMENT POUR LA NOMINATION D'UN NOUVEL AMBASSADEUR DES ETATS-UNIS DANS VOTRE PAYS. JE SUIS CONVAINCU QUE LA PERSONNE QUE JE DESIGNERAI VOUS PARAITRA HAUTEMENT QUALIFIEE POUR REMPLIR CE POSTE IMPORTANT DANS NOTRE SERVICE DIPLOMATIQUE.

ENFIN, JE TIENS A VOUS ASSURER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, QUE SI VOUS VISITEZ NOTRE PAYS A L'AVENIR J' ESPERE QUE NOUS POURRONS CONVENIR D'UNE DATE QUI NOUS SOIT MUTUELLEMENT ACCEPTABLE POUR NOUS ENTRETENIR, ICI A WASHINGTON, AU COURS DE VOTRE SEJOUR.

JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, LES ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION. GERALD R. FORD
END QUOTE.

2. YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER TEXT OF LETTER TO BOKASSA UPON HIS RETURN FROM ZAIRE. INSTRUCTIONS RE AGREEMENT CONTAINED SEPTEL.

3. PER REFTEL B, AF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MULCAHY, SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH BOKASSA IN KINSHASA. IF MEETING ARRANGED MULCAHY WILL INFORM BOKASSA THAT PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN SENT TO AMERICAN EMBASSY BANGUI FOR DELIVERY. INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN TEXT OF LETTER DELIVERED TO BOKASSA. ORIGINAL SIGNED LETTER BEING POUCHED UNDER CLASSIFIED REGISTRY NUMBER 1946736. KISSINGER

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